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Dear Parents & Carers

Again can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. You will be aware that over the weekend and yesterday in particular a number of professional organisations including Unions have been discussing schools remaining open or having to close to all but vulnerable and key worker children.

Over the course of the weekend and today I have discussed our own school's situation, every school has different pressures facing them and we all want everyone in school all of the time with their friends and being taught by their teachers. It is with huge sadness that I have to say that following developments yesterday the decision has been made that our school will move to remote learning as of Wednesday 6th January to all but pupils of key workers and vulnerable children. This decision has not been taken lightly and we want to move back to face to face teaching for everyone as soon as possible. We will be reviewing the situation in time to let you know before 18th January and will keep you informed of any developments.

I understand this is a lot to take in and so that there is chance for you to organise any extra arrangements staff will be in school tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January) should you need to access child care before we are only open to pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils. Your child will be either taking their home learning pack home tonight so you will be able to move to this tomorrow if possible or if you could collect it from school they will be available from the office tomorrow morning onwards.

If your child is in receipt of a free school meal a packed lunch will be available should you wish to have one for your child and we ask that you email the office to arrange this.

In line with other schools key worker provision can be accessed should both parents be key workers or you are a parent on your own who is a key worker. The list of workers can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will be able to operate breakfast club and after school club should you require this provision and we all sincerely hope to have everyone back in school as soon as possible. We had hoped we would be able to manage but sadly feel with the issues this awful COVID pandemic is causing not only our school but many, many local ones we have no other choice. Our priority is to have safe, happy learners and following messages from many of you we understand how you feel regarding this situation.

Please take care, interact with class teachers on Class DoJo and should you have any questions regarding home learning please let us know.

We will send out more information daily and would ask anyone wishing to access key worker provision to get in touch with the office via email.

Yours sincerely

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